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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3-6 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable by Stevenpiper et al (US 6,441,792).

Regarding claim 1, Stevenpiper discloses a multi-antenna comprising: at least one first antenna (18-1) located about a first portion of a mobile structure that is capable of receiving satellite and terrestrial re-transmitted satellite signals; and at least one second antenna (18-2) located about a second portion of the mobile structure that is capable of receiving satellite and terrestrial re-transmitted satellite signals, wherein the at least one first (18-1) and second antenna (18-2) receives the satellite and terrestrial re-transmitted satellite signals, such that signal reception on the mobile structure is maintained by switching (26) and/or combining the satellite and terrestrial re-transmitted satellite signals received by the at least one first (18-1) and second antennas (18-2) when the satellite and terrestrial re-transmitted satellite signals being received by the at least one first (18-1) or second antenna (18-2) is obstructed.

Regarding claims 3-6, Stevenpiper discloses the at least one first and second antenna are located within the mobile structure and wherein the at least one first and second antenna are located exteriorly on the mobile structure and wherein the at least

one first and second antenna are located within the mobile structure and exteriorly on the mobile structure and wherein the mobile structure is an automotive vehicle, aircraft, boat, train, mobile home, recreational vehicle or truck. See figure1-4.

Regarding claim 15, Stevenpiper discloses wherein the at least one first and second antenna includes a circuit board, substrate, low noise amplifier, a ground plane, and a conductive area. See figures 5-8. See col.7, lines 15-57.

Regarding claim 16, Stevenpiper discloses wherein the conductive area is a patch of material that defines a patch antenna. See figures 3-8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 7-14 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Stevenpiper et al (US 6,441,792).

Regarding claim 2, Stevenpiper discloses the claimed invention except for a frequencies ranging between 2320 –2345 MHz. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to employ a frequencies ranging between 2320 –2345 MHz, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

Regarding claims 7-14, Stevenpiper discloses the claimed invention except wherein the first and second portions are opposing located on a front end of the mobile structure and a rear end of the mobile structure or wherein the at least one first and second antenna are located on front end interior glass or rear end interior glass or wherein the at least one first and second antenna are located on front end exterior glass or rear end exterior glass and the glass is automotive wind-shield glass or wherein the at least one first and second antenna are located on front end interior panel or rear end interior panel or wherein the front end interior panel is an automotive dashboard or instrument panel and the rear end interior panel is an automotive rear deck panel or wherein the at least one first and second antenna are located on front end exterior panel or rear end exterior panel or wherein the front end exterior panel is an automotive front fender or glass frame and the rear end exterior panel is an automotive rear fender or glass frame. It has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. Because Stevenpiper discloses structure is capable of performing the recited all claims limitations.

Regarding claims 17-20, Stevenpiper discloses the claimed invention except for a loop antenna and wherein a loop material is helically wound to define a quadrifilar antenna. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ a loop antenna and wherein a loop material is helically wound to define a quadrifilar antenna, since it has been held to be within the

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general skill of a worker in the art to select a known antenna on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lindenmeier al (US 2003/0164802 A1) and Lindenmeier et al. (US 6,633,258) are cited to show a diversity system for receiving digital terrestrial and satellite radio signals for motor.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Minh A whose telephone number is (571) 272-1817. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30 –2:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong, can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for final communications.


Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1553.

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